

Application Serial No. 10/521,824
Amendment dated October 16, 2006
Reply to Office Action of July 24, 2006

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mossbeck et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,862,763. It is submitted, though, that this Mossbeck prior art reference has a filing date which is subsequent to the foreign priority date of the international application upon which this application is predicated. In order to overcome this rejection, there is submitted herewith a certified copy of the Swedish application upon which the international PCT application (from which this national application was derived) is predicated. It is submitted, therefore, that this rejection based upon the Mossbeck reference is no longer applicable to this application.

The undersigned attorney has reviewed all of the other prior art references cited by the Examiner, but not relied upon. Either those applications lack a filing date which predates the effective foreign priority date of this application, or they are clearly not sufficiently relevant as to warrant individual comment.

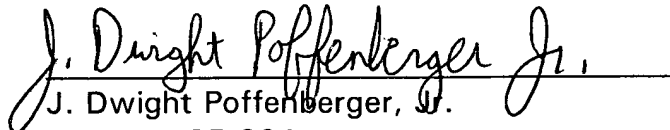
This application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is solicited.

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Applicant is of the opinion that no additional fees are required as a result of this paper. If any charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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